

2300 Foster Place,
Wilmington, Del.,
Jan. 28, 1941.

Mr. Manley,
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

I have always been interested in your base ball team every since you acquired the service of Eddie Stone, who incidently, is a personal friend of mine. Last Decoration Day I watched your club play the Baltimore team a Double-header and my interest increased simply because you and your Manager seemed to be eager to improve the team by giving so many young pitchers a chance. Now that is something very unusual for Negro clubs to do until those old men begin to hobble about on crutches.

Now I don't know any of those kids who were trying to make the grade, ~~but~~ and I don't think any of them were successful, but I do know what was wrong with everyone of them. They were not ready for the Big Show because they lacked the proper training which a few young Negroes get, and they don't get the proper

training because you Negro owners don't have the money or make the money to have a farm system where they would get the proper training.

Now I am going to offer or sell you a plan which will correct that mistake in the near future if you will accept this plan or at least give it a trial. This plan won't cause you a cent but it will cost me plenty of time and money but I am very interested in the advancement of young baseball players, that it doesn't matter to me what the cost may be.

I have been asked to manage a team this year in the lower part of my state. I expect to have the best young talent available. I am not making any predictions for this year or next but give me three seasons and I will be able to send you one or two stars every year afterwards and when I say send you a man I also mean that he will stay providing he is given a fair chance.

All that I ask of you to do is see to it that these kids get a chance and when ever you are near us and have an off day come down and play us and I don't mean for fun. you will get a guarantee like you do when you play other outside teams but being a parents team we will be

expecting a cut in the guarantee and not the same price that you receive from other clubs. By playing us once or twice a year you will also get a chance to see my work and what we are doing for you.

This letter may not impress you or interest you but if it does, write me at once and tell me what you think of my plan and wheather I can look forward to a bright future for the boys. Let me know by next Sunday as I am starting my first skull practice then and I would like to tell the boys just what they are shooting at. You might want to know more about my plan and if you do I will even come to Newark some Sunday afternoon if it can be arranged.

I beg to remain, yours in clean sports,

R. G. Loatman.